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The Halifax Pride Society is a not-for-profit organization of volunteers dedicated to producing a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer, Questioning, 2 Spirited, Asexual, Pansexual, and Allies (2SLBTO+) Pride Festival that is: Accessible to all; Fiscally responsible; Rewarding for all who participate, and Reflects and celebrates the best of the 2LGBTQ+ community and culture in Halifax and throughout Nova Scotia.

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CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

With excitement and exhaustion, we welcome you to the 2018 Halifax Pride Festival!



MORGAN MANZER
Chair

The Halifax Pride Festival is a community festival. Most of the events you see listed in this guide are planned by community groups, and the Halifax Pride Society is almost entirely made up of volunteer community members (under the leadership of a very overworked and underappreciated executive director). Over the last two years, we've worked to change the structure of Halifax Pride so all members of our community have a voice and can be involved as much as their circumstances allow.

As you enjoy these 11 days of programming, remember Pride doesn't just happen once a year. The Pride movement exists every day as advocates and activists lobby, campaign, protest, and create change. Halifax Pride operates year-round as we plan, consult, and evolve. We're always here to help you meet new people in the community, develop your skills, point you in the direction of community resources, or listen to your concerns.



ELLEN DAVIS
Vice Chair

Pride is because of you. It only exists because generous, resilient, and hardworking community members make it happen. If you've ever volunteered, joined a committee, sat on the board, or attended a community meeting to let us know when we've missed the mark, thank you. If you haven't been involved yet, or you're new to the community, look us up and get involved. You can help us build an even prouder 2019.

Happy Pride, Halifax!

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2018 Halifax Pride Festival!



ADAM REID
Executive Director

This festival is created by the community. The board, committee members, volunteers, and staff all invest time and effort in the festival, but we don't create it. That work is done by you. Each of you creates the festival. The festival, this celebration of community, history, activism, art, and culture, is the result of thousands of people contributing in ways big and small. We organizers are simply here to direct some of those energies and help make things go safely and smoothly. For these reasons, you are the festival. This all happens because of you.

This community creates the festival, so we work to ensure that accessibility and community engagement is prioritized. Accessibility has been a guiding principle of Halifax Pride for decades, but this year accessibility has been at the heart of all we do. Accessibility for us means breaking down barriers to participation, through the creation of events that are thoughtful, safe, and supportive. Through outreach, feedback, and reflection on the how and why of Halifax Pride, we have explored ways to make this festival and the Pride society more welcoming. We are here to ensure that all those who wish to take part in Pride are able to do so in fulfilling meaningful ways. We strive to be more inclusive, more thoughtful, and more focused on you.

Because of you we want this festival to be accessible. Because of you I am passionate about making Pride better. Because of you we must reflect and celebrate not only now, but throughout the year. Thank you for creating Pride.

Happy Pride!
Adam



MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

As the MP for Halifax, I'd like to wish everyone a very happy Pride!

What a rush it was at last year's Pride parade to join the Prime Minister in the streets of our city. In the thick of all the bustle and celebration that day, I was struck by how far we've come as a nation.

Indeed, since 2017 alone, we've seen important achievements like the passing of Bill C-16, which protects Canadians from discrimination on the basis of gender identity or gender expression; the introduction of Bill C-39, which repeals Section 159 of the Criminal Code to ensure that, in law, all forms of consensual sexual activity are treated the same; and the introduction of Bill C-66, which expunges historically unjust convictions against members of the 2SLGBTQ+ community, following the Government's formal apology last November.

But make no mistake, the fight to end discrimination is not over and a lot of hard work still needs to be done. This is the important work Halifax's tenacious 2SLGBTQ+ community undertakes everyday. On behalf of the Government of Canada, thank you. You push this country forward. Together, we will ensure that all Canadians are treated equally and with the respect we all deserve.

Congratulations to the Halifax Pride Society board, organizers, and volunteers who make this festival an outstanding cultural experience year after year. Happy Pride, Halifax!

Andy Fillmore, MP
Halifax



PREMIER'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the Government of Nova Scotia, I would like to wish one and all a happy 2018 Halifax Pride Festival.

Over the coming days, people from all over the world will gather to celebrate diversity and inclusion, and the vibrancy of our communities during the Halifax Pride Festival. The events you will attend, and the people you will hear from, are key to uniting our society, and empowering our 2SLGBTQ+ community.

Once again, this year's celebration, being held in Halifax from July 19-29, will feature fun, inspiring and unifying events, including the Halifax Pride Parade on July 21.

I would like to congratulate the board of directors and organizing committee for its vision and efforts that continue to produce a festival that inspires and unites us. Your hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed. I encourage all Nova Scotians to enjoy this year's festival. Best wishes on a successful event.

Happy Pride!

Sincerely,



Honourable Stephen McNeil,
M.L.A. Premier



INDIGENOUS MESSAGE

As Chief of the Millbrook First Nation, I would like to welcome each and every one of you taking part in the 2018 Halifax Pride Festival. The lands we gather on are Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People.

As we gather, let us continue to work to ensure that values of respect, equality, and inclusion are central components of this festival, our communities, and our lives.

I would like to thank all the volunteers and staff who work tirelessly year after year to put on this festival, one of the largest annual celebrations of 2SLGBTQ+ people in Canada. Without your hard work and dedication, this festival would not be possible. Over thirty years of a festival is a major accomplishment and I wish you continued success.

Welcome to the unceded Territory of the Mi'kmaq People.

Welaliq,
Chief Bob Gloade



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As Mayor of Halifax, I am delighted to extend warm greetings and a special welcome to everyone taking part in the 2018 Halifax Pride Festival celebrations.

The Pride Festival is one of the most anticipated events of the summer as residents and visitors celebrate diversity, sexual orientation, and gender identity through live performances, art exhibits, and of course the Pride parade. We all have a role to play in ensuring that every city across Canada exemplifies diversity, inclusion, and support for LGBTQ+ communities and I look forward to being part of this year's celebrations.

I want to thank the Halifax Pride Organizing Committee, sponsors, and volunteers for making this year's event a great success. I also want to recognize Halifax Pride for all they do to elevate LGBTQ+ issues and for their understanding and acknowledgement of the great diversity here in our region.

Halifax Pride, the best in Canada!

Kindest regards,

Mike Savage, Mayor

PARADE AMBASSADORS

Each year, the Halifax Pride Society recognizes individuals or groups who have made a positive impact within the 2SLGBTQ+ community, offering them the opportunity to lead the Halifax Pride Parade and share their contributions at speaking events. We thank our 2018 Parade Ambassadors for their remarkable contributions to our community.



MANTALK - LED BY ROBERT S. WRIGHT

Through their efforts, ManTalk brings comfort and support to men who have been impacted by sexual violence. A confidential, emotionally supportive group for male victims of sexual abuse, ManTalk does much needed and often invisible work of assisting sexual assault survivors. As their purpose statement says, "We are men who share the experience of having been sexually abused. We come to ManTalk to seek healing from the sexual trauma that we have suffered and to rebuild the areas of our lives that have been broken. We come to ManTalk to break the silence that surrounds us and to serve as reminders to each other and to other men that healing is possible and does happen!". We thank ManTalk and Robert S. Wright for their work and are grateful for their presence in our community and festival. For more information on ManTalk please visit robertswright.ca/mantalk.



ASHER MACDONALD

Honorary Parade Ambassador

Our Halifax queer & trans community was deeply saddened this May to hear of the untimely passing of our friend, Asher MacDonald, due to health complications.

An active volunteer and warm personality, Asher was well known and much loved in this community. In his younger years with The Youth Project, he loved his time at Camp Seahorse, supporting friends and 2SLGBTQ+ youth, and showing kindness to everyone he met. He'd go on to share this passion for community engagement when he became an active volunteer for Halifax Pride, as a flag bearer and helping out wherever he could at Pride events. He continued to support The Youth Project and other 2SLGBTQ+ initiatives with sales of his own transgender pride bracelets.

Each year, Halifax Pride recognizes individuals or groups who have made a positive impact in our community by inviting them to serve as our Parade Ambassador. Asher's kindness and generosity inspired us, and it breaks our hearts that he isn't here to accept this title and know how much he meant to us. We are better for having known you, Asher. Thank you for the love you showed the community. We will carry your memory with us as we march in this year's parade, and for many more to come.

IN MEMORY OF

This section serves to acknowledge and remember those from our community who have left us but we keep in our hearts.



DOUG MELANSON

Doug was born in Sault Ste Marie, Ontario, grew up in northern New Brunswick, lived in Ottawa, Toronto, Montreal, and from 2003 'til 2014, called Halifax home. He arrived bursting with ideas and enthusiasm for our community. He first launched a bath house, Sea Dogs Sauna, which he saw as equal parts business and facility for sane, healthy sex for men.

Doug also arrived with plans for a bar for men and a restaurant that turned into a women's bar. Anyone living in Halifax in the mid-2000s will remember great food and rave reviews of Molly's Diner in a variety of Halifax publications.

He was generous with his time, his business space, and with money, sponsoring countless large and small projects, and was a steady advertiser in Wayves Magazine.

Doug worked tirelessly with, and sometimes butted heads with, the Halifax Chamber of Commerce, combatting homophobia-flavoured conservatism and insisting that the LGBT community be represented; eventually he prevailed.

In 2012, he announced that he had promised Halifax a decade, and that time was up, and he sold the businesses as a successful going concerns. When he moved back in 2016, he was very public about his cancer diagnosis and the limited remaining time with friends and family. Like everything else, he made the most of that.

Doug is survived by his husband, Glenn Baker, and his daughter, Alex Melanson.



ELDON HAY - A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

By Gerard Veldhoven

I met Eldon Hay many years ago when my activism for LGBTQ2 rights was well underway. I had heard of Eldon many times and became impressed with the work he was involved with in attempting to change the plight of Canada's LGBTQ2 Community. When I met Eldon I became aware that he was not an average person, but someone who had the ability to bring together those who were in need of living a life of equal rights alongside all others.

Eldon had an overwhelming passion for equal rights and his love for humankind was beyond reproach. He was a wonderful ally to the LGBTQ2 community and possessed a most unique sense of humour. He was a sought after speaker and advisor to so many. He once said, "I am the gayest straight person I know", and he certainly deserved that self identification.

It has been the encouragement of Eldon Hay that spurred me on through the years. He was a wonderful ally to the LGBTQ2 community who possessed a most unique sense of humour. Those who sought his advice, or just his way of comforting, knew instantly that Eldon had a sense of how to approach a certain issue.

Eldon was awarded the Order of Canada for his work with Canada's LGBTQ2 community in 2003. We salute Eldon Hay, husband, father, author, United Church Minister, Professor of Religion, a challenger and human rights activist.

You were, and will remain "A Man for all Seasons".



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PARADE ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES

ACCESSIBLE VIEWING PLATFORM

For those with mobility issues or difficulty standing for long periods, this platform will be located at the Halifax Central Library plaza. Space is limited.

LIVE AUDIO DESCRIPTION OF THE PARADE

A live commentator will offer an amplified audio description of the parade for the blind and visually impaired at the corner of Lower Water Street and Cornwallis. Please note, seating is not available in this area.

LOW SENSORY VIEWING AREA

For those who wish to avoid unexpected noises, crowds, and touching while they watch the parade, the Creative Lab on the 2nd floor of the Halifax Central Library, will be a quiet space where an onsite volunteer will help keep noise and distractions to a minimum.

Parade Accessibility Features supported by TD.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

During the parade, at approximately 1:45 PM, we will be observing a moment of silence. When you see Parade Marshals stop and raise their finger in the air, this is your signal to do the same.

In 2016, Halifax Pride observed a moment of silence during our parade to honour those lost in the Orlando Pulse Nightclub shooting. We now continue this tradition each year to mark all those lost in our community.

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that the Halifax Pride Festival takes place in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People.

To recognize the land is an expression of gratitude and appreciation to those whose territory we reside on, and a way of honouring the First Nations people who have been living and working on the land from time immemorial. It is important to understand the long standing history that has brought us to reside on the land, and to seek to understand our place within that history. Land acknowledgements do not exist in a past tense, or historical context: colonialism is a current ongoing process, and we need to build our mindfulness of our present participation.

SAFER SPACE STATEMENT

Halifax Pride is committed to encouraging conditions for safer spaces at our festival and community gatherings. We aim to ensure everyone feels respected, valued, and able to freely express themselves, regardless of their gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, race, age, physical or mental ability.

Our Safer Space Policy (found at HalifaxPride.com) guides Halifax Pride in organizing events that are safer and barrier free. The following event schedule lists accessibility features using the following icons. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of these details. Please note, further accessibility details can be found on our online schedule at HalifaxPride.com.

ACCESSIBILITY LEGEND



ASL Interpretation



All-gender washrooms



19+ 19 years of age or over event



Parking



Drug and alcohol free



Wheelchair accessible



Security on site

Events organized by Halifax Pride are highlighted in a colour box. Events with a pink headline are community organized.

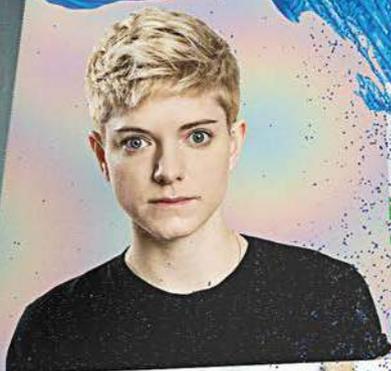
COMMUNITY EVENT FUNDING PROGRAM

Halifax Pride's Community Event Funding Program offers financial support for 2SLGBTQ+ community events hosted by non-profit societies, adhoc groups, or individuals during the festival. Events that are free, new, youth oriented, and/or QTBIPOC focused are prioritized. The goal of this program is to encourage community events that celebrate our history, build bridges between diverse populations, and foster community pride. For more information on the Community Event Funding Program please visit HalifaxPride.com.

Events supported by the Community Event Program are noted with a pink asterix in the schedule. ✱

NOTICE OF PHOTOGRAPHY AND FILMING

Audio, video footage, and photography will be in use throughout the Halifax Pride Festival. By your presence at events, you acknowledge that you have been informed that you may be photographed and/or recorded, and that these items may be part of our promotional materials or used on our social media platforms.



Halifax Pride Comedy Night

Thursday, July 19

Doors 7:30 pm

Show 8:00 pm

Spatz Theatre

1855 Trollope Street

Featuring

Carolyn Taylor

Mae Martin

Nelu Handa

Lisa Buchanan

Hosted by Catherine Robertson

Tickets

\$20 + tax and fees - HalifaxPride.com

All ages

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18



TD BLOCK PARTY

Argyle St.

5:30 PM - 8:00 PM | Free |

We're closing a portion of Argyle Street and opening it up for Halifax Pride fun! TD has created this FREE block party filled with games, photo booth, music, snacks and crafts for the entire community to experience. Be ready to celebrate your Pride!

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT QUEER SPIRITUALITY ANYWAY?

First Baptist Church Halifax
(1300 Oxford St.)

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM | Free |

Engage in discussion with a panel of parents, pastors, and students. This is a safe space to bring questions and wonder together. First Baptist Church Halifax is a welcoming and affirming congregation. Be You, Be Here, Belong!

THURSDAY, JULY 19

TWO SPIRIT CULTURAL WORKSHOPS AND PRIDE CELEBRATIONS ✳

Mount Saint Vincent University
Aboriginal Student Centre
(46 Melody Drive (Lower Level)
166 Bedford Highway)

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM |

Limited Funding for 2S Participants

The Wabanaki Two Spirit Alliance will host its 2nd Annual Cultural Workshops and Pride Celebrations at the Mount Saint Vincent University and Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre from July 19-21 for Mi'kmaw/Indigenous LGBTQ2S+ youth in Nova Scotia.

PHOTO BOOTH & LOVE WALL ✳

Various Locations | Free

Team #LevelsLove will be partnering with various groups to present our #LevelsLove Photo Booth and Love Wall at a number of Halifax Pride events. Keep an eye out on social media for which Pride Events we'll be at!

PRIDE YOGA AT PRAMANA

Pramana (1-2207 Gottingen St.)

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

\$5 suggested donation |

Bending over backwards for inclusive space! Pramana is hosting extra classes throughout Pride led by some of the queer community's most outstanding yoga teachers. All levels welcome! Drop-in is a donation of \$5 and goes directly to The Youth Project.

YOUTH SWAG-MAKING PARTY ✳

Halifax Central Library

(5440 Spring Garden Rd., 2nd floor)

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM | Free |

The Youth Project & HFX Central Library are teaming up to bring you a craftersnoon of creating your own pride stuff! Signs, wearable things, buttons, jewellery and more. Free/supplies are provided. Create your own message about what Pride means to you! Open to ages 12-25.

FLAG RAISING

Grand Parade Square

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM | Free |

Celebrate the start of the 2018 Halifax Pride Festival with the reading of the Halifax Pride Festival Proclamation, greetings from the Mayor, comments from the Parade Ambassador and the raising of the Rainbow Flag, followed by a reception in Halifax City Hall.

FLY GOES SCREENPRINTING! ✳

Wonder'neath Art Society

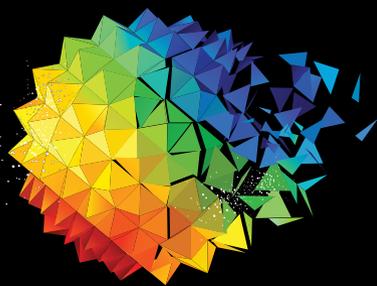
(2891 Isleville St., inside the Russell
Food Equipment building, one block
south of the Hydrostone Market)

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM | Free |

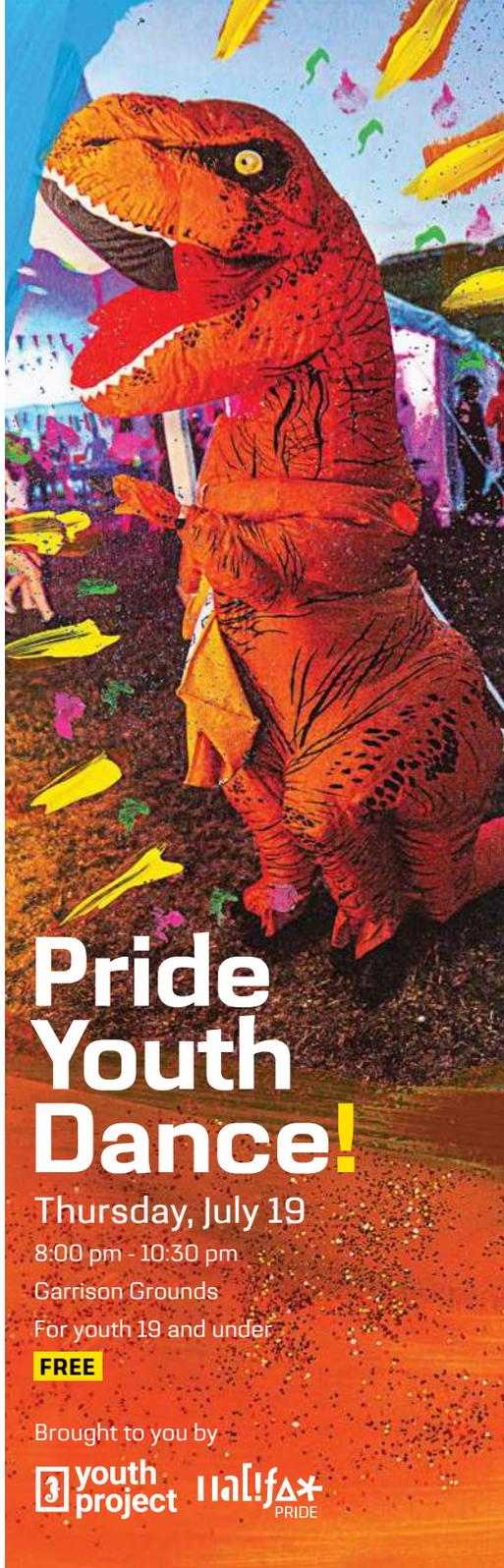
You are invited to an evening of screen printing and socializing! Bring a garment to screenprint. We'll walk you through the simple steps to create your wearable masterpiece. While creations dry we'll have time to hang out and enjoy refreshments.



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Pride Youth Dance!

Thursday, July 19

8:00 pm - 10:30 pm

Garrison Grounds

For youth 19 and under

FREE

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HALIFAX PROPRIDE PANEL: ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND LGBTQ2+ INCLUSION IN ATLANTIC CANADA

The Prince George Hotel
(1725 Market St.)

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM | Free |

This discussion and reception will bring together business and community leaders to share insights into strategies that can contribute to economic growth and confront barriers to employment faced by LGBTQ2+ people. ASL Interpretation can be arranged upon request. Please send an email to jo.mcnamara@prideatwork.ca.

SHOULD STILL BE A MARCH

Halifax Central Library
(5440 Spring Garden Rd., Room 301)

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | Free |

Over the years Pride has become a parade not a march. Join Rainbow Refugee Association of Nova Scotia for a panel discussion looking into the development of LGBTQI+ rights in Canada and the ongoing struggles worldwide.

HALIFAX PRIDE COMEDY NIGHT

Spatz Theatre, Citadel High
(1855 Trollope St.)

7:30 PM - 10:00 PM | \$20 (+ tax & fees)

Are you kidding?!? The Halifax Pride Comedy Night puts ladies first as we open our festival with an incredible line-up of amazing talent including Carolyn Taylor of the Baroness von Sketch Show, Mae Martin, Working Mom's Nelu Handa, and local show-stoppers Catherine Robertson and Lisa Buchanan! Join us any time after 6pm as we'll have a cash bar open in the lobby to help you mark the first day of Pride with a pre-show drink.



PRIDE YOUTH DANCE!

Garrison Grounds
(5425 Sackville St.)

8:00 PM - 10:30 PM | Free |

A dance for 2SLGBTQ+ youth and their allies, ages 19 & under. A chance to kick off the Pride Festival with a dance under the stars, and plenty of glitter! Brought to you by Halifax Pride and The Youth Project! A drug- and alcohol-free space.

KING AND QUEEN OF PRIDE PAGEANT

Menz and Mollyz Bar
(2182 Gottingen St)

9:00 PM - 2:00 AM | \$10 |

Contestants take the stage to compete for the title of King and Queen of Pride.

FRIDAY, JULY 20

YOUTH FLOAT-BUILDING & PRIDE BBQ

The Youth Project
(2281 Brunswick St.)

2:30 PM - 4:00 PM | Free |

All youth are welcome on the Youth Project's parade float - but first we have to put it together! All youth are welcome to grab a paintbrush and help us decorate the float and/or come by for a free BBQ! Open to youth 25 and under.

PRIDE SHABBAT DINNER

The Portia White Atrium
Citadel High School (1855 Trollope St.)

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM | \$25 |

All are welcome to this Friday evening event as we mark the start of the Jewish Sabbath with a meal and a variety of traditions. Together we will celebrate and learn more about the intersections within our Jewish and Pride communities.

INTERFAITH SERVICE ✳

Northwood Inc. Halifax
(2615 Northwood Terrace)

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM | Free |

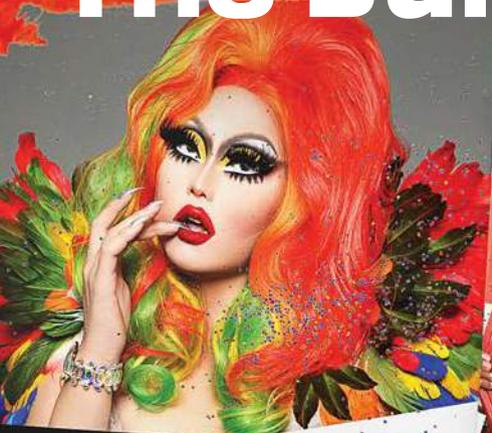
A service focused on sharing faith experiences of people from the 2SLGBTQ+ community and allies within local faith communities. The speakers will offer a variety of readings, music, reflections, and practices with a diverse view of the human spirit.

The Bump

Friday, July 20

Doors 9:00 pm
Show 9:30 pm

Garrison Grounds



Featuring

Kim Chi
Barbada
Craven Blood
Deva Station
Elle Noir
Jane Smoker
Jennifer Dafuque
Lita Takeela
Matthew McImagay
Rhett Slutler
Sofonda Cox

Hosted by The Glamazon Generals
With DJ Master and DJ Queen

Tickets

\$5 at the door
19+

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FRIDAY, JULY 20

COSMIC DRAG QUEEN BINGO

Cunard Centre

(951 Marginal Rd.)     

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM | \$40 - \$110

Canada's largest drag queen bingo event is back for the 2018 Halifax Pride Festival! Featuring 2 drag Legends Lady Bunny NYC and RuPaul's Drag Race AllStars Winner Chad Michaels (Supporting Feed NS)

VILLAINS

Menz & Mollyz Bar

(2182 Gottingen St., Main Stage)

9:00 PM - 11:00 PM | \$13 |  

It's an all night dancing event featuring the stunning DJ Queen mixing the house down, & Jennifer DaFuque hosts drop dead talented performers who all know how to be bad. Come as your best villain and take the costume prize!

LIVE MUSIC...

THE CELEBRATION ARMY

Menz & Mollyz Bar

(2182 Gottingen St., Center Stage)

9:00 PM - 1:30 AM |  

Live music on the Center Stage with The Celebration Army (Toronto) whose music strongly hearkens to the golden ages of classic rock and R'n'B (and even to a raw, dirty sort of funk that people tend to keep a naughty secret).

THE BUMP

Garrison Grounds (5425 Sackville St.)

9:00 PM - 2:00 AM | \$5 |    

You've never bumped like this before! Part dance party, part nonstop drag extravaganza, The Bump brings you a powerhouse line-up of drag performers including Kim Chi, Barbada, Sofonda Cox, Lita Takeela, Elle Noir, Craven Blood, The Glamazon Generals, and more, in this epic night of dance and drag that would blow the roof of the joint... if the Garrison Grounds had a roof.



ENZYME

Menz & Mollyz Bar

(2182 Gottingen St., Rainbow Room)

10:00 PM - 2:30 AM |  

Join us on the opening Friday of the Halifax Pride Festival for your monthly dose of Enzyme! In the Rainbow Room, catch Terraform, along with multiple other DJs, who will be tagging Tech-House & Tech-Breaks all night!

OUT OF TOWN PARTY

Menz & Mollyz Bar

(2182 Gottingen St., Main Bar)

11:00 PM - 2:30 AM | \$10 |  

Visitors and locals gather for a night of drinks, dancing and socializing!

SATURDAY, JULY 21

PRE-PRIDE PARADE PARTY!

Keshen Goodman Public Library

(330 Lacewood Dr.)

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM | Free |    

Join local drag sensations Bobby Sparkles and Rhett for stories, songs and crafts to get pumped up for the pride parade! For all ages!

RAINBOW PRIDE RUN

Downtown Halifax   

12:30 PM - 1:00 PM | By Registration

Come down to the Parade route early to cheer on the colourful and fabulous participants of the 5km Rainbow Pride Run, or lace up your kicks and join in the fun by registering at halifaxpride.com. Organized in collaboration with the North End Runners.



PRIDE PARADE

Downtown Halifax

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM | Free |    

For celebration and commemoration, the Halifax Pride Parade is a remarkable display of community strength, vibrancy, activism, and beauty. Whether you watch from a sidewalk in downtown Halifax or march with a group in the centre of the street, this is your chance to show your pride. It's an occasion to remember the challenges we've faced, highlight the barriers we've yet to overcome, and celebrate our strength as a community. We are also proud to offer a variety of features to improve accessibility, listed on page 9.



Parade Day & Festival Site

Saturday, July 21

Parade Route - Downtown Halifax

Rainbow Pride Run

12:30 pm - 1:00 pm

HalifaxPride.com to register

Come down to the Parade route early to cheer on fabulous and vibrant participants in our Rainbow Pride Run, or register early and take part!

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Halifax Pride Parade

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Following in the footsteps of years of protests, marches, and festivity, come together to celebrate, commemorate, and flaunt our diversity, strength, and pride.

Festival Site - Garrison Grounds

Festival Activities

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Join us at the Garrison Grounds immediately following the parade for a variety of activities to help you celebrate with friends and community. A youth area, food vendor village, beverage garden, and health promotion tent all await.

Mainstage Show

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

This year we are excited to welcome amazing local drag performances, a giant group sing-along lead by The Big Sing and Suffragette City performing the best of David Bowie!

SATURDAY, JULY 21

POST-PARADE PARTY AT THE LIBRARY

Halifax Central Library
(5440 Spring Garden Rd.)
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM | Free |    

The Parade is over but the fun doesn't have to stop. Drop in to make a rainbow themed craft or read some stories that celebrate love.

FESTIVAL SITE

Festival Site (Garrison Grounds)
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM | Free |    

Following the parade join us at the Garrison Grounds for an afternoon of activities including our Mainstage Show, a Youth Area, a Beverage Garden, and more. See page 18 for details.

SEX NOW SURVEY

Festival Site (Garrison Grounds)   

The Community-Based Research Centre for Gay Men's Health is working with the AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia to bring the Sex Now Survey (SNS) to Halifax Pride in hopes of gathering the evidence needed to finally end the ban on gay and bi blood donors.

OPEN RECOVERY MEETING

Maritime Museum of Natural History
(1747 Summer St.)
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM | Free |    
Join OUT! Alive for an open support group to share experiences during recovery from substance abuse and/or gambling.

WOMEN'S DANCE

Atlantica Hotel Halifax (1980 Robie St.)
8:00 PM - 1:30 AM
Advance \$15 / Door \$20 |   

There will be a Women's Dance at Atlantica Hotel on Robie Street during the Pride Festival on Saturday after the parade starting at 8pm. Join us for an evening of dancing and fun times to dj music provided by DaiseyM DJ Services.

THE HALIFAX DRAG KINGS

Menz & Mollyz Bar
(2182 Gottingen St., Main Stage)
8:30 PM - 11:00 PM | \$10 |  

Join the sexy studs of The Halifax Drag Kings for an evening of drag, dancing, and prizes as we celebrate the Halifax Pride Festival with this incredible show! Hosted by trouble-making father-son duo, Rhett Slutler and Felix Static!



THE GRIND

Garrison Grounds (5425 Sackville St.)
9:00 PM - 2:00 AM | \$5 |    

The Grind is Halifax Pride's outdoor DJ dance spectacle featuring the incredible Jules Bangsworth, Jo Riddles, and Barbada. Witness the transformation of the Garrison Grounds as thousands turn a grassy field into a dancefloor where stars, lights, and bass fill the night.

NIGHTSHADE - KINKY COLOURS 5

Menz & Mollyz Bar
(2182 Gottingen St.)
10:00 PM - 2:30 AM | \$10 |  

This is Nightshade's 5th annual kinky themed pride event! Wear sexy neons or whites to react to the ultra violet lights! DJ Queen & DJ Interrobang will have the packed dance floor bumping as sounds of the glowing fun seep out of the play dungeon. (*Must say you are there for Nightshade when paying to get into the Rainbow Room.)

FULL COLOUR DANCE PARTY

Menz & Mollyz Bar
(2182 Gottingen St., Main Bar)
8:30 PM - 11:00 PM | \$10 |  

Menz & Mollyz Bar's signature Halifax Pride dance party featuring a Top 40 Video mix by DJ Bear777! Throw on your pride colours and head on down as Menz & Mollyz Bar is the place to be this Saturday night!



Samson Learn Photography

The Grind

Saturday, July 21

Doors 9:00 pm

Show 9:30 pm

Garrison Grounds

Featuring

Jules Bangsworth

Jo Riddles

Barbada

Hosted by Erin Hopkins of

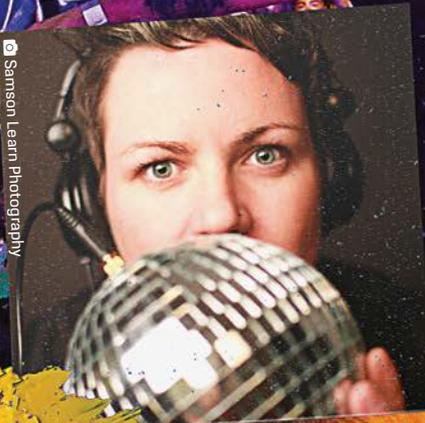
101.3 Virgin Radio

Tickets

\$5 at the door

19+

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SUNDAY, JULY 22

INCLUSIVE WORSHIP SERVICE

First Baptist Church Halifax
(1300 Oxford St.)

10:30 AM - 11:45 AM | Free | 

Happy Pride! Be You, Be Here, Belong! Sermons offered from First Baptist members that are part of the 2SLGBTQ+ community. Traditional music and progressive theology, a safe space to journey in faith together. God loves you, and so do we.

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICE GAY PRIDE - ONE CONGREGATION'S EXPERIENCE

Universalist Unitarian Church of Halifax
(5500 Inglis St.)

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM | Free | 

The Universalist Unitarian Church of Halifax has a long history of support for Pride in Halifax. This Sunday we celebrate the journey thus far, and look forward to our role in bringing more love and justice into our community.

PRIDE YOGA AT PRAMANA

Pramana (1-2207 Gottingen St.)

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

\$5 suggested donation | 

*See page 13 for event description.

SUNDAY FUNDAY DRAG BRUNCH

Halifax Distilling Co.

(1668 Lower Water St.) 

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM | \$35.99 or \$49.99

Like the iconic drag brunches in Las Vegas, Contessa and the Halifax Distilling Company present Sunday Funday drag queen brunch! Ft Halifax's best Drag Talent. Options to buy brunch tickets or brunch/bottomless mimosas! Tix halifaxdistillingco.ca

SUNDAY FUNDAY GAY T-DANCE

Tall Ship Silva Wharf (Waterfront)

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM | 

See halifaxdistillingco.cs for pricing

Sunday Funday continues after the Drag Brunch with a good old-fashioned gay T-Dance on the Tall Ship Silva wharf with drag queens DJs and dancing! Drinks and dancing on the wharf or the tall ship Silva! Tix: halifaxdistillingco.ca.

THE KATCHUP: A HALIFAX PRIDE BRUNCH

Garrison Grounds (5425 Sackville St.)

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM | 

\$10 (+ taxes & fees at HalifaxPride.com)

Brunch makes everything better, especially when shared with friends and a few drag queens under the big tent of the Garrison Grounds. Haul your butt out of bed and fill your belly with pancakes, bacon, and eggs, as your friends spill the T on their weekend shenanigans. You're going to need a second cup of coffee (or maybe a mimosa). Space will be limited so book in advance to avoid disappointment. Proudly supported by Dalhousie University.



AFTERNOON DELIGHTS WITH SYMPHONY NOVA SCOTIA

Garrison Grounds
(5425 Sackville St.)

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM | Free | 

Symphony Nova Scotia will be offering a free concert packed with waltzes for waltzing, polkas for polking, and light classics for listening, all selected and lead by the Symphony's effervescent Artist in Residence, Daniel Bartholomew-Poyser.



INFINITUS SPOKEN WORD POETRY WORKSHOP AND SLAM ✳

Halifax Central Library
(5440 Spring Garden Rd. Room 301)

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM | Free | 

Why Slam? Through Spoken Word and Poetry, you can share your story, champion a belief, gain confidence and most importantly, have fun! The afternoon Includes a writing workshop followed by live performances! Youth (10+) and Adult (19+) categories.



Rainbow Pride Run 5km

Saturday, July 21

12:30 pm - 1:00 pm

Downtown Halifax

Register at HalifaxPride.com

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The Ketchup A Pride Brunch



Sunday, July 22

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Garrison Grounds

Tickets

\$10 (plus tax & fees) -

Available at HalifaxPride.com

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SUNDAY, JULY 22

PUPPER'S PRIDE PARADE

Shubie Park (54 Locks Rd., Dartmouth, next to the Visitor's Centre)

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM | Free |    

Attention all doggos, puffers, and their hoomans: welcome to our annual pooch pride parade in the park! Sport your rainbow collars, bandanas, and leashes and join us at Shubie Park for a woofin' tail waggin' walk in the woods!

ELDERBERRIES LGBT ELDERS SALON ✳

Plan B Co-op
(2180 Gottingen St.)

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM | Free |  

Drop in for refreshments and storytelling of Halifax's rich queer history by warriors who worked hard to make Halifax a Pride-ful place. Ask us anything about how we lived and loved and worked to change the world.

TRIVIA EXTRAVAGANZA: RUPAUL'S DRAG RACE

Keshen Goodman Public Library
(330 Lacewood Dr.)

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | Free |    

Local drag sensation Kristi Davidson hosts this all ages, dry, trivia night about your favorite queens. Groups can call 490-6410 after June 25 to pre-register for preferred seating. Please note, this event is not suitable for children.

EVENING SPEAKER SERIES FEATURING MA-NEE CHACABY - MY TWO-SPIRIT JOURNEY

Halifax Central Library
(5440 Spring Garden Rd.,
Paul O'Regan Hall)

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM | Free |    

Ma-Neé has faced numerous challenges in her life that have prompted her to embark on a path of spiritual healing through art. She was born in Thunder Bay, Ontario and was adopted by a French Canadian family. She was then found and returned home to her kokum at the age of two to be raised in Omabika, a community north of Lake Nipigon. Being a two-spirited elder and storyteller, she uses various media for personal and community spiritual healing. She is visually impaired and her art tells a story of the journey people face each day.

HAUS OF JECKYLL

Menz & Mollyz Bar
(2182 Gottingen St., Main Stage)

9:00 PM - 2:30 AM | \$10 |  

Come join the Haus of Jeckyll as they bring you a drag show extravaganza not to be missed. For full details see their Facebook event page.

LIVE MUSIC... MERCY, PLEASE!

Menz & Mollyz Bar
(2182 Gottingen St., Center Stage)

10:00 PM - 2:30 AM | \$10 |  

Live music at Menz with Mercy, Please! (Charlottetown) along with locals UFO and Josh Lake. For full details see their Facebook event page.

AFTER HAUS PARTY

Menz & Mollyz Bar
(2182 Gottingen St., Main Bar)

11:00 PM - 2:30 AM | \$10 |  

After the Haus of Jeckyll stay and wrap up your weekend right with a Sunday night dance party! For full details see their Facebook event page.

MONDAY, JULY 23

QUEER PERSPECTIVES: COMING OUT AS TRANS IN SCHOOL

Halifax Central Library
(5440 Spring Garden Rd.,
Paul O'Regan Hall)

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | Free |    

What are the issues and concerns faced by trans youth coming out in the Nova Scotia school system? Are staff doing all they can to support young people? What are the impacts on a student's studies or social network? Come get educated on some of the struggles and triumphs of teenage transitioning in the school setting.

UNDERSTANDING LGBTQI+ HEALTH

IWK Health Centre
(5980 University Ave., Classroom B)

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | Free |     

Join prideHealth for a panel discussion led by community members and health professionals on LGBTQI+ health.



Afternoon Delights with Symphony Nova Scotia

Sunday, July 22

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Garrison Grounds

FREE

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Humans vs Zombies

Tuesday, July 24

7:30 pm - 10:30 pm

Shambhala School
5450 Russell St

Anyone 19 and under is invited to join us for an undead game of tag followed by a chance to hang out and chow down on some brains (snacks).

FREE

MONDAY, JULY 23

RAINBOW KIDS!

The Youth Project
(2281 Brunswick St.)

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM | Free |   

We're opening up The Youth Project for an event for gender-creative, gender nonconforming and transgender kids, up to age 13! Come do some art and play some games, and parents can have a chance to chat too.

OLDER YOUTH DROP-IN!

The Youth Project
(2281 Brunswick St.)

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | Free |  

A drop-in night for LGBTQ+ people aged 18-25. Check out what's going on for the Pride festival, have some snacks, play some board games, meet some new folks!

SING-ALONG SHOW TUNEZ

Halifax Distilling Co.
(1668 Lower Water St.)

6:00 PM - 10:30 PM | Free |   

Come and join everybody's favourite sing-along Show Tunez host Garry Williams, co-creator of the musical KAMP, for an evening of Broadway-style belting.

PRIDE YOGA AT PRAMANA

Pramana (1-2207 Gottingen St.)

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

\$5 suggested donation |    

*See page 13 for event description.

EVENING SPEAKER SERIES FEATURING HARAN VIJAYANATHAN - CHALLENGING INVISIBILITY IN TORONTO'S QUEER COMMUNITY

Halifax Central Library
(5440 Spring Garden Rd.,
Paul O'Regan Hall)

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM | Free |    

The evening will be an engaging session on what made Haran Vijayanathan, a Sri Lankan, Tamil gay man from Winnipeg, write a letter that would start a conversation and set a course for making change. A candid conversation on the issues and struggles faced by South Asian and Middle Eastern individuals that put them at risk for violence, with specific attention paid to the challenges and struggles faced by those who are undocumented and/or from the LGBTQ+ community. Haran will also share some of his personal struggles and challenges of being a person of colour in a predominantly white community and what changed for him.

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

Halifax Central Library
(5440 Spring Garden Rd.,
Paul O'Regan Hall)

8:30 PM - 9:30 PM | Free |    

Please join us for our most solemn and reflective event of the festival, as we light candles and honour those who have passed with words and music of remembrance.



HOWLING MOON KARAOKE

Menz & Mollyz Bar

(2182 Gottingen St., Rainbow Room)

10:00 PM - 2:00 AM | Free |  

Hosted by John Shadow, who was known on the airwaves of CKDU, Howling Moon is a karaoke show that can't be beat in terms of how dark it is with its selections. With over 22,000 tracks & counting, it's like Halloween during pride!

TUESDAY, JULY 24

HUMANS VS ZOMBIES YOUTH PARTY

Shambhala School
(5450 Russell St.)

7:30 PM - 10:30 PM | Free |   

This new Humans vs Zombies event for youth is going to give you life... if you have what it takes to survive! Anyone 19 and under is invited to join us for an undead game of tag followed by a chance to hangout and chow down on some brains (snacks).

Queer Perspectives:

Lunch Hour Panel Discussions

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm - Paul O'Regan Hall, Halifax Central Library

Coming Out as Trans in School

Monday, July 23

What are the issues and concerns faced by trans youth coming out in the Nova Scotia school system? Are staff doing all they can to support young people? What are the impacts on a student's studies or social network? Come get educated on some of the struggles and triumphs of teenage transitioning in the school setting.

Growing Old Is Not For Sissies

Tuesday, July 24

Senior members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community can face a variety of challenges as they age; invisibility, healthcare struggles, loneliness, re-closeting. Despite these obstacles, there are successes and strategies that deserve to be shared and celebrated. What actions or habits are seniors adopting to avoid some of the challenges of aging, and what can we as a community and individuals do to support our elders?

Presented with  NSRAP
NOVA SCOTIA RESEARCH AND ACTION PROJECT
Equality for All

Are you PrEPared for PrEP?

Wednesday, July 25

Join the Community-Based Research Centre for Gay Men's Health and local activists to learn about PrEP, the drug that prevents HIV. Find out everything you ever wanted to know about PrEP, including advocacy efforts in Nova Scotia and other parts of Canada.

Presented with  cbrc
Community-Based
Research Centre
for Gay Men's Health

Being There for Each Other and Our Health

Thursday, July 26

This panel discussion will offer information about community resources and strategies that LGBTQIA+ people and their families can integrate into their lives to support their health, wellness and to take care of themselves..

Presented with  prideHealth
PRAISING THE FLAG

Creating Safer Community Spaces

Friday, July 27

How do we as individuals and community organizers make our spaces safer for participants, artists, and volunteers? With conversations around safer spaces proliferating in the queer community, what can and has been done to make our spaces safer for patrons? How do we protect each other while creating spaces that reduce harm and encourage positive interactions?

TUESDAY, JULY 24

QUEER PERSPECTIVES: GROWING OLD IS NOT FOR SISSIES

Halifax Central Library
(5440 Spring Garden Rd.,
Paul O'Regan Hall)

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | Free |

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CONNECT THE DOTS MEET-UP!

The Youth Project
(2281 Brunswick St.)

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM | Free |

The Youth Project runs Connect the Dots support groups all year in different towns - and at Pride we all get together! This event is open to LGBTQ+ youth ages 18 and under (even if you've never been to a Connect the Dots meeting, you should come!).

SPEED FRIENDING ✳

Halifax North Memorial Public Library
(2285 Gottingen St.)

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM | Free |

Join us for some low pressure speed friending! We'll walk you through gentle activities to help you meet some strangers and quickly get to know each other. We'll practice saying "hi!", how to deal with awkwardness, and do some deep listening.

FILM SCREENING: GEN SILENT ✳

Bus Stop Theatre
(2203 Gottingen St.)

6:30 PM - 9:00 PM | Free |

Join the Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project and the Elderberries for a free screening of the critically acclaimed documentary Gen Silent with discussion and refreshments to follow. This film is a must-see for health care professionals and others with an interest in 2SLGBTQIA+ elders' health.

EVENING SPEAKER SERIES FEATURING ANDREW GURZA - THE QUEER CRIPPLE: SHINING A LIGHT ON SEX, DISABILITY & QUEERNESS

Halifax Central Library
(5440 Spring Garden Rd.,
Paul O'Regan Hall)

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM | Free |

This talk will introduce you to a part of the Queer Community we rarely discuss - Disabled People who identify as LGBTQ2S+ (The Queer Cripple). Queers with Disabilities are sorely underrepresented in our homo-normative, body beautiful culture, and that has to change. Through education and personal experiences, Andrew will invite you into a conversation around the Queer Cripple, the lived experiences navigating both sexuality and disability, and what they can offer the LGBTQ2S+ community overall. With frank, open, and honest conversations around disability, sexuality, and queerness, the talk will provide tools to welcoming the Queer Community into the conversation around disability, and show that the Queer Cripple deserves a place under the rainbow!

PRIDE YOGA AT PRAMANA

Pramana (1-2207 Gottingen St.)

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

\$5 suggested donation |

*See page 13 for event description.

DANCING WITH PRIDE!

Halifax Dance

(1505 Barrington St., Lobby Level)

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM | Free |

Join us at Halifax Dance for FREE diverse dance classes July 24-26! Tuesday will feature ballroom dance with Michel Dubé. Same sex couples encouraged! Come strut your stuff!

GOTTIJAM (PRIDE EDITION)

Menz & Mollyz Bar

(2182 Gottingen St., Main Stage)

10:30 PM - 2:30 AM | \$10 |

Gottijam! The Tuesday night open stage with full backline of drums and amps! Random \$75 prize every time, sign up for a 15 minute set by messaging the Gottijam Gary Peacock on Facebook. Open jam at the end to keep things nice and weird!

Evening Speaker Series

Sunday, July 22 - Thursday, July 26

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Sunday, July 22 — Paul O'Regan Hall, Halifax Central Library

My Two-Spirit Journey

Ma-Nee Chacaby

Ma-Nee has faced numerous challenges in her life that have prompted her to embark on a path of spiritual healing through art. She was born in Thunder Bay, Ontario and was adopted by a French Canadian family. She was then found and returned home to her kokum at the age of two to be raised in Omabika, a community north of Lake Nipigon. Being a two-spirited elder and storyteller, she uses various media for personal and community spiritual healing. She is visually impaired and her art tells a story of the journey people face each day.



Monday, July 23 — Paul O'Regan Hall, Halifax Central Library

Challenging Invisibility in Toronto's Queer Community

Haran Vijayanathan

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Tuesday, July 24 — Paul O'Regan Hall, Halifax Central Library

The Queer Cripple: Shining a Light on Sex, Disability, & Queerness

Andrew Gurza

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Wednesday, July 25 — The Discovery Centre **Note Location**

My Journey To Jay

Jay Aaron Roy

Born in Halifax in 1983, and raised in Fall River, Nova Scotia, Jay Aaron Roy now owns and operates Cape and Cowl Comics and Collectibles in Lower Sackville. A local and vocal transgender advocate, he created a safe space drop-in inside his comic shop to support local youth, and the rainbow community. Join us as Jay talks about growing up, realizing he was transgender, and the steps he took to help him become his most authentic self!



Thursday, July 26 — Paul O'Regan Hall, Halifax Central Library

To be Black and Queer: more than an analogy

Dr. OmiSoore Dryden

Dr. OmiSoore Dryden (www.omisooredryden.com) will be speaking about why anti-black racism is a queer issue. The visual presence of racial diversity, no matter how tiny, is often interpreted as the successful diversification of an event or organization. In fact, claims of being "colour-blind/not seeing colour" have been used as a shield to divert the difficult and painful conversations we need to have about anti-black racism in our community. Dr. Dryden will highlight why Black queer and trans people do not always find LGBTQ activism and Pride celebrations welcome and inclusive spaces and what we as a community can do about that. Dr. Dryden, a Black queer femme and a scholar, is the Principal Investigator on the Gay Blood project, #GotBlood2Give (gotblood2give.weebly.com).





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WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

PRIDE PUPPET SHOW: WORM LOVES WORM

Keshen Goodman Public Library
(330 Lacewood Dr.)

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM | Free |    

Worm and Worm want to get married, but how can they if they don't have ring fingers or hands to hold the bouquet? And which one is the bride and which one is the groom, anyway? Come find out if Worm loving Worm is enough to make a wedding work!

QUEER PERSPECTIVES: ARE YOU PREPARED FOR PREP?

Halifax Central Library
(5440 Spring Garden Rd.,
Paul O'Regan Hall)

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | Free |    

Join the Community-Based Research Centre for Gay Men's Health and local activists to learn about PrEP, the drug that prevents HIV. Find out everything you ever wanted to know about PrEP, including advocacy efforts in Nova Scotia and other parts of Canada. Presented with the Community-Based Research Centre for Gay Men's Health.

PRIDE YOGA AT PRAMANA

Pramana (1-2207 Gottingen St.)

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

\$5 suggested donation |    

*See page 13 for event description.

TOUR OF REFUGE CANADA, WITH LGBTQ+ FOCUS

Canadian Museum of Immigration at
Pier 21 (1055 Marginal Rd.)

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM | Free |    

Come discover the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21's current special exhibition "Refuge Canada" with a focus on LGBTQ+ refugee issues!

YOUTH TALENT SHOW AND COFFEE HOUSE!

The Youth Project
(2281 Brunswick St.)

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | Free |   

Got talent? Yeah you do! Take part in our LGBTQ+ youth talent show, open to youth 25 and under! Music, poetry, performance, drag, and more! Come and perform, or just sit and listen to others, and enjoy some free fancy beverages and snacks.

PRIDE GAME DAY

The Board Room Game Cafe
(1256 Barrington St.)

6:00 PM - 11:00 PM | \$5 |   

A night of diverse gayming hosted by The Board Room, Hal-Con, and Cape and Cow! Come to The Board Room and enjoy some game demos, tournaments, RPGs, and other table top gaming fun! This event is inclusive of everyone, even people new to the hobby.

PRIDE NIGHT AT THE DISCOVERY CENTRE

The Discovery Centre
(1215 Lower Water St.)

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | Free |   

The Discovery Centre invites the 2SLGBTQ+ community for admission free science fun!

QUEER DHARMA GATHERING

Halifax Shambhala Centre

(1084 Tower Rd.)     

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM | PWYC/Donation

A heart-warming, social, vegan dinner followed by a guided meditation and a contemplative conversation facilitated by members of the Halifax Shambhala Centre's Queer Dharma group.

ANTI-OPPRESSIVE IMPROV SHOW *

Halifax North Branch Library
(2285 Gottingen St.)

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM | Free |    

Dramatic Changes Anti-Oppressive Improv troupe is doing a show! Join us for some improvised scenes, songs, or something a little more experimental! Last year we baked a microwave cake with a 6 year old. This year - who knows!

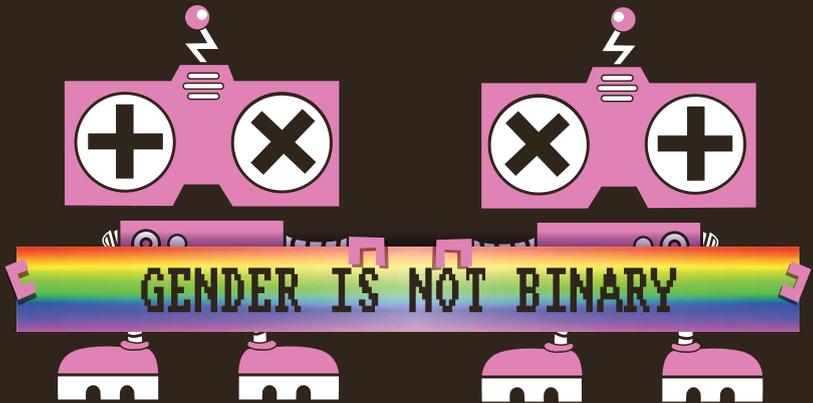


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WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

EVENING SPEAKER SERIES FEATURING JAY AARON ROY - MY JOURNEY TO JAY

Discovery Centre
(1215 Lower Water St.)

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM | Free | 

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DANCING WITH PRIDE!

Halifax Dance
(1505 Barrington St., Lobby Level)

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM | Free | 

Join us at Halifax Dance for FREE diverse dance classes July 24-26! On Wednesday, the heels will hit the dance floor with a heels dance class by Red Hot Productions. Come strut your stuff!

OPERA BACKWARDS ✳

The Bus Stop Theatre
(2203 Gottingen St.)

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM | 

\$20, \$15 for students, the under-waged, and artists

In the tradition of "Broadway Backwards" - the show where musical theatre numbers are given an LGBT twist - the Halifax Summer Opera Festival presents its fourth annual salute to Halifax Pride: "Opera Backwards".

OUT DANCING ✳

DANSpace (1531 Grafton St.)

7:30 PM - 10:30 PM | Free | 

Swing is a wonderful, joyful dance for all ages! The night begins with an intro lesson, followed by a dance-no experience or partner needed. Come learn to swing dance, meet some friendly people, and dance the night away with us! Bring indoor shoes. Hosted by DalKing's Swing Dance Society.

THE STALLION

Atlantica Hotel Halifax
(1980 Robie St.)

9:00 PM - 11:30 PM | \$12 | 

Eureka Love hosts as we take girls and give them to some of Halifax's best Drag Kings to polish into presentable Drag Princes. One by one, we reveal what they look like and have them perform in a contest to be named "The Stallion."

PRIDE KARAOKE

Menz & Mollyz Bar

(2182 Gottingen St., Main Stage)

10:00 PM - 2:30 AM | \$10 | 

Karaoke here is a wild time, and it only gets better when it falls on Pride! Our talented crew of regulars will show off their impressive karaoke skills and we love to hear newcomers belt out their fav tunes. Karaoke lovers don't want to miss this!

THURSDAY, JULY 26

PRIDE YOGA AT PRAMANA

Pramana (1-2207 Gottingen St.)

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

\$5 suggested donation | 

*See page 11 for event description.

QUEER PERSPECTIVES: BEING THERE FOR EACH OTHER AND OUR HEALTH

Halifax Central Library
(5440 Spring Garden Rd.,
Paul O'Regan Hall)

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | Free | 

This panel discussion will offer information about community resources that LGBTQI+ people and our families can integrate into our lives to support our health, along with strategies we can use to take care of ourselves and support our wellness. Whether we are currently accessing healthcare services, or waiting for services, this talk will get us thinking about some strategies we can put in place ourselves to contribute to our own health. Presented in partnership with prideHealth.

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THURSDAY, JULY 26

YOUTH PROJECT OPEN HOUSE!

The Youth Project
(2281 Brunswick St.)

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM | Free |   

Ever wanted to come to the Youth Project for a tour, see what we do day-to-day, meet the staff, see our space? We're throwing an open house & the community is welcome. Come have some pride-themed snacks, check us out & see the full scope of our work!

PRIDE IN HOMEOWNERSHIP

Halifax Central Library
(2281 Brunswick St. Room 301)

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM | Free |   

Join Clinton and team for sessions and a panel discussion on the benefits of using a mortgage broker, stereotypes in the 2SLGBTQ+ community, Halifax real estate, and what you need to know about real estate law. Please visit the Clinton Wilkins Mortgage Team on Facebook for more information and to secure your free ticket as seats are limited.

EVENING SPEAKER SERIES FEATURING OMISOORE DRYDEN - TO BE BLACK AND QUEER: MORE THAN AN ANALOGY

Halifax Central Library
(5440 Spring Garden Rd.,
Paul O'Regan Hall)

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM | Free |   

OmiSoore Dryden (www.omisooredryden.com) will be speaking about why anti-black racism is a queer issue. The visual presence of racial diversity, no matter how tiny, is often interpreted as the successful diversification of an event or organization. In fact, claims of being "colour-blind/not seeing colour" have been used as shield to divert the difficult and painful conversations we need to have about anti-black racism in our community. Dryden will highlight why Black queer and trans people do not always find LGBTQ activism and Pride celebrations welcome and inclusive spaces and what we as a community can do about that. Dr. OmiSoore Dryden, a Black queer femme and a scholar, is the Principal Investigator on the Gay Blood project, #GotBlood2Give.



DANCING WITH PRIDE!

Halifax Dance
(1505 Barrington St., Lobby Level)

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM | Free |    

Join us at Halifax Dance for FREE diverse dance classes July 24-26! On Thursday, Mary Lou Martin will dazzle you with her fun show tunes in a musical theatre class. Bring a friend and join the fun, everyone is welcome!

THE SWINE

Atlantica Hotel Halifax
(1980 Robie St.)

9:00 PM - 11:30 PM | \$12 |    

Eureka Love hosts as we take boys and give them to some of Halifax's best Drag Queens to polish into presentable Drag Princesses. One by one, we show them what they look like and have them perform in a contest to leave one standing as "The Swine".

PRIDE PARTY CRUISE

Murphy's Restaurant
(1751 Lower Water St.)

9:00 PM - 12:00 AM | \$22 |  

The annual boat cruise through the Halifax Harbour is showing off again! This popular sell-out event includes a DJ, dancing, cash bar, and tons of fun as we climb aboard the Kawartha Spirit for a nighttime cruise. Visit ambassatours.com for ticket info.

POC PRIDE SHOW

Menz & Mollyz Bar
(2182 Gottingen St., Main Stage)

10:00 PM - 2:30 AM | \$10 |  

A queer Persons Of Colour variety show by POC, for everybody. Hosted by Elle Noir. Supporting and making queer POC more visible and presenting this very strong part of the community. See the Facebook event page for more details.

CLUB XTC - WOMEN & TRANSGENDER INDIVIDUALS PARTY

Torpedo Sauna & Spa
(2199 Gottingen St., look for 3 anchors)

10:00 PM - 2:00 AM |  

Cost varies, rental of locker or private room required for entry

A night at Torpedo Sauna & Spa for women & transgender individuals. This night will be clothing optional so your name must be on the list in order to attend. Visit www.ClubXTC.ca to get your invitation.



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FRIDAY, JULY 27

CLIMB WITH PRIDE!

Seven Bays Bouldering
(2019 Gottingen St.)   
8:00 AM - 11:00 PM | Various Prices

Come join us for our pride celebrations! We're offering \$2 espresso and \$5 climbing as well as a \$25 week pass during the Pride Festival! Visit sevenbaysbouldering.com and use the promo code: CLIMB WITH PRIDE for free chalk and shoe rentals! Not to mention, PATIO PARTY!

RAINBOW DANCE PARTY

Halifax Central Library
(5440 Spring Garden Rd.)
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | \$5-\$25 |     

Get ready to shake your sillies out and jump your jiggles away at our Library dance party. Put on your dancing shoes, bring the whole family, and dance to some awesome music kids will love. Ages 0-7.

QUEER PERSPECTIVES: CREATING SAFER COMMUNITY SPACES

Halifax Central Library
(5440 Spring Garden Rd.,
Paul O'Regan Hall)
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | Free |     

How do we as individuals and community organizers make our spaces safer for participants, artists, and volunteers? With conversations around safer spaces proliferating in the queer community, what can and has been done to make our spaces safer for patrons? How do we protect each other while creating spaces that reduce harm and encourage positive interactions?

UNDERSTANDING LGBTQI+ HEALTH

Halifax Infirmary
(1799 Robie St., Royal Bank Theatre)
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | Free |     

Join prideHealth for a panel discussion led by community members and health professionals on LGBTQI+ health.

SOUND OF MUSIC DRAG-A-LONG

Halifax Central Library
(5440 Spring Garden Rd.,
Paul O'Regan Hall)
2:30 PM - 5:00 PM | Free |     

Join The Youth Project for a film screening and live performances with Maria (aka Shayla Shenanigans) and a cast of drag performers for an interactive and super fun Sound of Music drag-a-long. Sure to be one of your favourite things.

ATLANTIC DRAG STAR FT. GINGER MINJ

Citadel High School, Spatz Theatre
(1855 Trollope St.)    
7:30 PM - 11:00 PM | \$35 (+tax & fees)

clubCOUTURE is excited to present the biggest, and most diverse drag competition to ever hit the east coast - Atlantic DRAG STAR. Our panel judges will be anchored by one of the most recognizable queens of Rupaul's Drag Race Ginger Minj!

FRIDAY NIGHT KARAOKE

Menz & Mollyz Bar
(2182 Gottingen St., Main Stage)
9:00 PM - 11:00 PM | \$10 |  

Karaoke with DJ Bear777 aka Terry! Start your weekend off right by belting out your favorite tunes! Karaoke lovers don't want to miss this. Sing the secret song from our theme this night to win a cash price of \$50!

LIVE MUSIC... DRAMA QUEEN & MARTYR

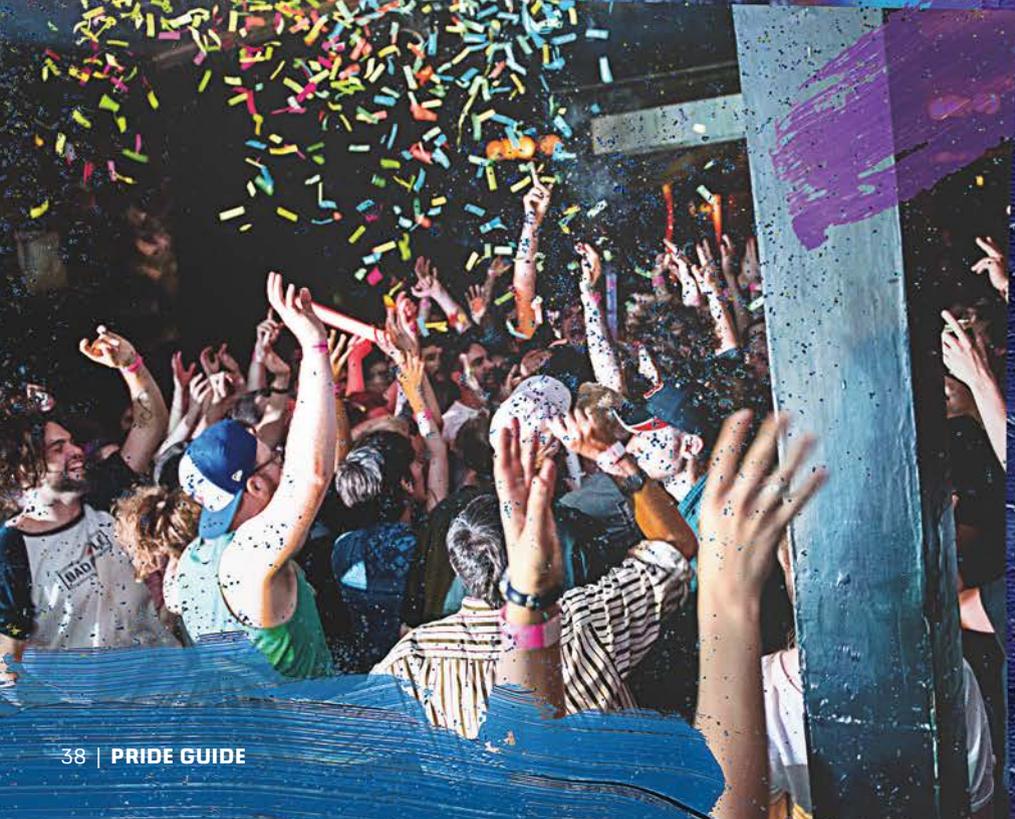
Menz & Mollyz Bar
(2182 Gottingen St., Rainbow Room)
10:00 PM - 2:30 AM | \$10 |  

Live Music... Drama Queen & Martyr in the Rainbow Room. Don't miss this hard hard night of music! See Facebook event page for all of the details.

CLUBCOUTURE: ÉDITION EN BLANC FT GINGER MINJ

The Marquee Ballroom
(2037 Gottingen St.)
10:00 PM - 2:00 AM | \$20 |     

The Marquee will host the official Atlantic Drag Star after party ft Ginger Minj! Category is - White Party Realness with Rainbow Twist! clubCOUTURE lives for fashion. Serve LOOKS for your LIFE! Be CREATIVE! Be BOLD! Be DARING! Be clubCOUTURE!



Gottingen Block Party

Saturday, July 28

Gottingen Stage

Featuring

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GenderF_ck Drag Show

5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Closing Dance Party

Featuring

Sandy Duperval

PlaysW/Music

9:00 pm - 12:00 am

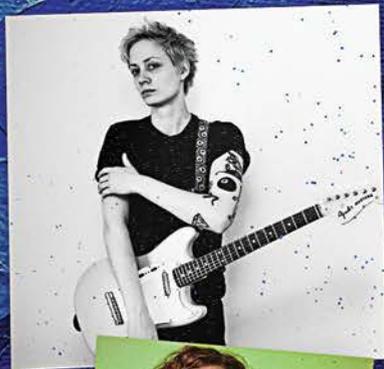
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Community Market

Food Trucks

Beverage Garden

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Get Outside

Saturday, July 28

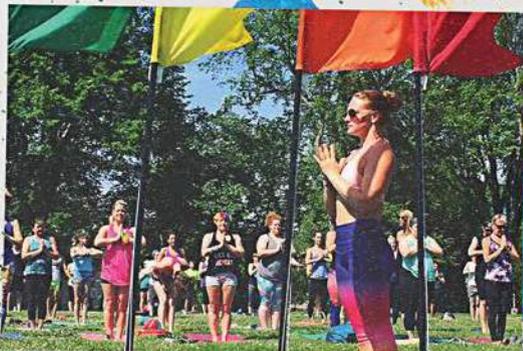
Proud Prana Yoga

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Garrison Grounds

Whether you need to wind down or limber up, this free yoga class is for you. Join two guest teachers Norma Stay and Larry D'Utuck as they guide you through a practice designed for all levels of ability.

FREE



Ride with Pride

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Garrison Grounds or MacPhee Centre

Take a relaxing ride with us around Lake Banook! Our journey begins at the Garrison Grounds at 12:30 pm or catch up with us at the MacPhee Centre in Dartmouth for a 1:15 pm departure toward Lake Banook. The journey ends at Leighton Dillman Park, just in time for the Community Picnic! Organized with the support of the Halifax Cycling Coalition.

FREE



Community Picnic

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Leighton Dillman Park

Halifax Pride and Downtown Dartmouth invite you to enjoy some games and a relaxing day in the park with freshly cooked pizza from the Dartmouth Pizza Oven. First Love Yourself (FLY) will also be on hand to provide a welcoming space for trans community members and friends.

FREE



FRIDAY, JULY 27

UNDERWEAR PARTY

Menz & Mollyz Bar
(2182 Gottingen St., Main Stage)
11:00 PM - 2:30 AM | \$10 | ♿ 19+

Wear your best underwear and dance in them all night! DJ Bear777 will be playing an all night Top 40 video dance party!

SATURDAY, JULY 28

WRAP UP YOUR PRIDE

Canada Games Diamond ♿ ♿ ♿
Halifax Commons (5792 Cogswell St.)
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM | Free to watch;
advanced registration fees for players

Join us throwing pitches on the Canada Games Diamond, Halifax Commons for "Wrap Up Your Pride," a charity softball tournament organized by East Coast Rainbow Softball Association. For more info or to register, please contact ECRSAINFO@GMAIL.COM.

DOUG MELANSON'S BENCH DEDICATION - LONG LAKE PARK TRAIL

**Long Lake Trails Main Entrance,
Off Northwest Arm Drive**
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM | Free | ♿ ♿

Join us as we celebrate and dedicate a Bench in memory of our biggest community supporter, Doug Melanson.

PRIDE STORYTELLING HIKE

Woodlawn Public Library
(31 Eisener Blvd. Dartmouth)
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM | Free | ♿ ♿ ♿ ♿

Take a walk along the Russell Lake Trail and find talented youth reading and performing LGBTQ+ inspired stories and storybooks. Join us for a free BBQ and social back at the library after the trail hike.

STORYTIME AT THE MUSEUM

**Canadian Museum of Immigration at
Pier 21 (1055 Marginal Rd.)**
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Free | ♿ ♿ ♿ ♿ ♿ ♿

Join us at the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 for our family-friendly morning program, with readings from children's books which focus on immigration and LGBTQ+ experiences. Everyone is welcome to this FREE event!

PROUD PRANA YOGA

Garrison Grounds
(5425 Sackville St.)
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Free | ♿

This all abilities yoga class welcomes you whether you practice regularly or you're a complete yoga newbie. Whether you want to limber your body or slowdown following plenty of frenetic Pride Festival events, we will cover your needs with a free yoga class at the Garrison Grounds. Join two guest teachers Norma Stay and Larry D'Utuck as they guide you through a practice designed for all levels of ability.



RIDE WITH PRIDE

**Garrison Grounds to MacPhee Centre
to Leighton Dillman Park**
(via Lake Banook)
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM | Free | ♿

Few things are as summery as a weekend bike ride. Join fellow community members for a ride that will culminate with a relaxed ride around Lake Banook. You can join us for our 12:30 departure from the Garrison Grounds, or meet us at the MacPhee Centre in Dartmouth, where we'll head out at 1:15 for our ride around Lake Banook, ending at Leighton Dillman Park, just in time for the Community Picnic! Organized with the support of the Halifax Cycling Coalition.



ART NOOK: PRIDE ROCKS

Alderney Gate Public Library
(60 Alderney Dr.)
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM | Free | ♿ ♿ ♿

Drop in for an afternoon of crafting and socializing with Library staff and friends. This month we will be painting rainbow rocks for the Pride Festival.

Dykes vs Divas Softball Game

Sunday, July 29

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Halifax Commons
By Cogswell St.

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The OUT Outfield

The newly expanded Dykes vs Divas beverage garden is the perfect place to watch the game with a drink or hang out afterwards with music and activities.

Halifax Commons

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm



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SATURDAY, JULY 28

COMMUNITY PICNIC

Leighton Dillman Park
(36 Park Ave., Dartmouth)

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM | Free | 🏳️‍🌈 🍴 🗿

Halifax Pride and Downtown Dartmouth are proud to once again bring you the annual Community Picnic! Come enjoy some games and a relaxing day in the park as we share local, freshly cooked pizza with family and friends at the Dartmouth Pizza Oven. The folks from First Love Yourself (FLY) will also be on hand to provide a welcoming space for trans community members and friends.



GOTTINGEN BLOCK PARTY

5:00 PM - 12:00 AM | Free | 🏳️‍🌈 🍴 🗿

In the heart of North End Halifax, beats will be pounding from the Gottingen Block Party stage as we present an evening of entertainment with local DJs, Gender F_ck Halifax drag performances, HalfFamous Queerjoke, a live set by the incredible Mo Kenney, and Montreal's phenomenally talented Sandy Duperval with a DJ set that is absolutely going to have you dancing. Also on site we'll have food trucks and a Community Market full of queer identified artisans and not-for-profit organizations. This is a Block Party for all ages, but with a Beverage Garden for the 19+ crowd. The Gottingen Block Party is going to be a closing night celebration that you won't forget.



HUGE GAY COMEDY SHOW ✖

The Seahorse Tavern
(2037 Gottingen St., Entrance with ramp
at the back of the building)

7:00 PM - 9:30 PM | \$7 | 🏳️‍🌈 🍴 🗿 19+

From newbies to pros, we'll squeeze as many 2SLGBTQ+ comics as we can find onto one stage for Halifax's best queer comedy extravaganzaaaa! Come for the jokes, stay 'cause you already paid.

GENDER F CK X: PRIDE EDITION

Menz & Mollyz Bar

(2182 Gottingen St., Main Stage)

9:00 PM - 11:00 PM | \$10 | 🏳️‍🌈 19+

This is our 10th show and it is not to be missed! Come watch these beautiful performers question and destroy the gender binary. We have a couple new faces for you along with your fan favorites!

LIVE MUSIC... CODY DEGAUST

Menz & Mollyz Bar

(2182 Gottingen St., Rainbow Room)

10:00 PM - 2:30 AM | \$10 | 🏳️‍🌈 19+

Live music with Cody Degaust in the Rainbow Room. See the Facebook event page for complete lineup and all of the details!



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SUNDAY, JULY 29

PRIDE YOGA AT PRAMANA

Pramana (1-2207 Gottingen St.)

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

\$5 suggested donation |    

*See page 13 for event description.

DRAG BRUNCH

Lion & Bright (2534 Agricola St.)

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM | \$10/\$12 at door | 

(food & drink not included in price)

Lion and Bright with the Church of Strange will be bringing you drag drama and all the hangover curing brunch foods you could ever need! Join us for another delightful Pride Celebration!

THE OUT OUTFIELD

Canada Games Baseball Diamond
Halifax Commons (5816 Cogswell St.)

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM | Free |   

Spend your afternoon in the newly expanded beverage garden, with views of the Dykes vs Divas Softball Game. The OUT Outfield is homebase before, during, and after the game for a drink and a relaxing day with music, friendly folks, and plenty of activities.

DYKES VS. DIVAS SOFTBALL GAME

Canada Games Baseball Diamond
Halifax Commons (5816 Cogswell St.)

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM | Free |    

This annual spectacle has become one of the Halifax Pride Festival's most anticipated events. It's a free, all ages event full of laughs and fabulous feats of sporting prowess, often performed in heels and gowns. Come out for a wonderful afternoon of entertainment, with refreshments and laughs available on site.



HALIFAX PRIDE SUNSET CRUISE

Sackville Wharf
(1655 Lower Water St.)

6:30 PM - 9:00 PM | \$22 |  

The Halifax Pride Sunset Cruise is the perfect way to enjoy the final moments of the 2018 festival. With music, dancing, a cash bar, friendly faces, and the gorgeous setting sun, help us bring another unforgettable festival to a close with an evening cruise on the Tall Ship Silva. Visit ambassatours.com for ticket info.

SNATCH GAME

Menz & Mollyz Bar
(2182 Gottingen St., Main Stage)

9:00 PM - 11:00 PM | \$10 |  

It's that time! Some of Halifax's favorite Queens are coming out to play the impersonation panel gameshow made infamous on RuPaul's Drag Race. Hosted by Rouge Fatale, this has become the favorite way to end the Pride Festival.

THE O.R.G - PRIDE WRAP-UP

Torpedo Sauna & Spa
(2199 Gottingen St., look for 3 anchors)

10:00 PM - 2:00 AM |  

Cost varies, rental of locker or private room required for entry.

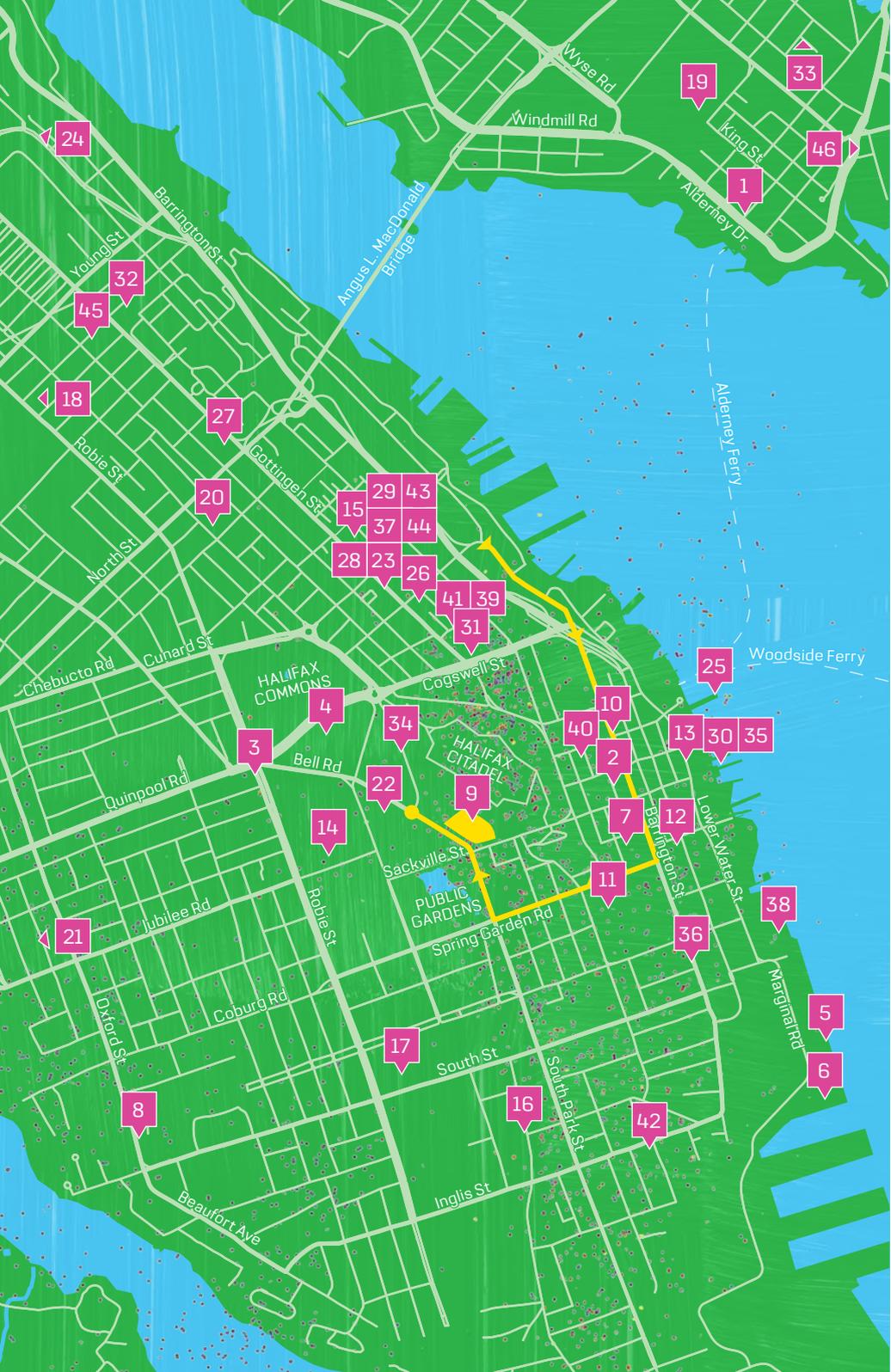
A night at Torpedo Sauna & Spa for men, women and transgender individuals. This night will be clothing optional so your name must be on the list in order to attend. Visit www.TheORG.ca to get your invitation.

PRIDE WIND DOWN DANCE PARTY 2018

Menz & Mollyz Bar
(2182 Gottingen St., Main Stage)

12:00 AM - 2:30 AM | \$10 |  

Another year of Pride is done but not just yet. Come celebrate with all of the new friends you made during the Halifax Pride Festival this year as well as all of your old friends.



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1	Alderney Gate Public Library	60 Alderney Dr, Dartmouth
2	Argyle Street (TD Block Party)	Argyle St
3	Atlantica Hotel Halifax	1980 Robie St
4	Canada Games Baseball Diamond	5816 Cogswell St
5	Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21	1055 Marginal Rd
6	Cunard Centre	951 Marginal Rd
7	DANSpace	1531 Grafton St
8	First Baptist Church Halifax	1300 Oxford St
9	Garrison Grounds	Sackville St at Bell Rd
10	Grand Parade Square	1770 Barrington St
11	Halifax Central Library	5440 Spring Garden Rd
12	Halifax Dance	1505 Barrington St
13	Halifax Distilling Co.	1668 Lower Water St
14	Halifax Infirmary	1799 Robie St
15	Halifax North Memorial Public Library	2285 Gottingen St
16	Halifax Shambhala Centre	1084 Tower Rd
17	IWK Health Centre	5980 University Ave
18	Keshen Goodman Public Library	330 Lacewood Dr
19	Leighton Dillman Park	36 Park Ave
20	Lion & Bright	2534 Agricola St
21	Long Lake Trails	Off Northwest Arm Dr
22	Maritime Museum of Natural History	1747 Summer St.
23	Menz & Mollyz Bar	2182 Gottingen St
24	MSVU Aboriginal Student Centre	166 Bedford Highway
25	Murphy's Restaurant	1751 Lower Water St
26	North End Community Centre	2131 Gottingen St
27	Northwood Inc. Halifax	2615 Northwood Terr
28	Plan B Co-op	2180 Gottingen St
29	Pramana	1-2207 Gottingen St
30	Sackville Wharf	1655 Lower Water St
31	Seven Bays Bouldering	2019 Gottingen St
32	Shambhala School	5450 Russell St
33	Shubie Park	54 Locks Rd, Dartmouth
34	Spatz Theatre, Citadel High	1855 Trollope St
35	Tall Ship Silva Wharf	Halifax Waterfront
36	The Board Room Game Cafe	1256 Barrington St
37	The Bus Stop Theatre	2203 Gottingen St
38	The Discovery Centre	1215 Lower Water St
39	The Marquee Ballroom	2037 Gottingen St
40	The Prince George Hotel	1725 Market St
41	The Seahorse Tavern	2037 Gottingen St
42	The Universalist Unitarian Church of Halifax	5500 Inglis St
43	The Youth Project	2281 Brunswick St
44	Torpedo Sauna & Spa	2199 Gottingen St
45	Wonder'neath Art Society	2891 Isleville St
46	Woodlawn Public Library	31 Eisener Blvd, Dartmouth

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SEX NOW SURVEY TACKLES THE GAY BLOOD BAN

Rob Higgins, Research Manager – Sex Now Survey

As many community members are well aware, Canadian Blood Services (CBS) currently does not accept donations for transfusion if you are a man who has been sexually active with another man in the last 12 months. CBS has defended this policy on numerous occasions as necessary for the safety of blood supply, and often cites concerns from patient and recipient groups as major reasons for continuing the ban. LGBTQ+ community organizations have long called the policy discriminatory and have been pushing for changes for years. They argue the policy ignores modern understanding of HIV and technological advancements in testing, treatment, and prevention. Well, it seems that there is finally an opportunity for some real results

Enter the Community-Based Research Centre for Gay Men's Health (CBRC). Working with local partner, the AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia (ACNS), they will bring the Sex Now Survey to Halifax Pride in hopes of gathering the evidence they need to finally end this discriminatory ban on gay and bi blood donors. The Sex Now Survey is a periodic survey that asks gay, bi, and other men who have sex with men questions about their daily lives, including their sex lives, to produce meaningful data that is used to improve health outcomes. This year, the team is returning to its roots, and researchers will be visiting Prides across the country to collect the data needed to prove to Canadian Blood Services, and their regulator Health Canada, that gay and bi men can safely donate blood, and that a policy that stigmatizes our community can finally be taken off the books.

The survey accepts all self-identified men who have been sexually active with another man in the past 12 months. To confirm that men know their HIV and Hep C statuses, researchers will also ask for a small amount of blood obtained via optional finger prick from participants who are 18 years of age or older. HIV positive men are also encouraged to participate, as the research team hopes to better understand issues facing the Poz Community as well. If the research team is successful, they hope to present evidence to Canadian Blood Services and Health Canada as early as 2019. A core principle of community-based research is the philosophy of "nothing for us without us." ACNS and the CBRC takes this to heart, and the data the researchers collect via the Sex Now Survey mean that policies like the blood ban, and others that are designed for our community, are not done so without our voice.

The Sex Now Survey will be collecting data at the Garrison Grounds Festival Site on:

SATURDAY, JULY 21

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
9:00 pm - 12:00 am

SUNDAY, JULY 22

12:00 pm - 3:00 pm





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NOVA SCOTIA

June 16 - Cumberland Pride - Amherst
July 9-15 - Pictou County Pride - Pictou County
July 14 - Truro Pride Parade - Truro
July 18 - Pride Market - Wolfville
August 3-11 - Pride Cape Breton - Sydney
September - Pride Eskasoni - Eskasoni
September 14-15 - Yarmouth Pride - Yarmouth

NEW BRUNSWICK

August 7-12 - Saint John Pride - Saint John
August 12-18 - Fredericton Pride - Fredericton
August 18-25 - River Of Pride / Rivière De Fierté - Moncton

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

July 22-28 - PEI Pride Week - Charlottetown



NOVA SCOTIAN PRIDE ORGANIZER SYMPOSIUM

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Email info@halifaxpride.com for more details.



COMMUNITY COOPERATION

Are you a 2SLGBTQ+ event organizer or group? If so, we want to hear from you. At Halifax Pride we truly believe we are better together. We want to get to know you, learn about your work in the community, and how we might support your efforts. With funding programs, dedicated volunteers, a big platform, and lots of wonderful community contacts, we'd love to find ways to work with you or support you in your efforts.

Email adam@halifaxpride.com to say hi and explore how Pride can support you.



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Halifax Pride is made possible in part through the support of many wonderful sponsors. With our annual festival, events throughout the year, and numerous community support activities, there are lots of ways to engage with Pride. Many workplaces now have inclusivity and diversity teams, and we're eager to work with those who want to show their Pride at work.

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HALIFAX PRIDE INITIATIVES

CHANGES IN 2018

Halifax Pride is committed to continually reviewing and improving our policies and practices. Through community outreach and education, we learn how best to host festival and year-long activities that reflect the values and interests of our diverse community. The following is a list of initiatives Halifax Pride took on in 2018:

- Created a new Sexual Violence Policy
- Offered free Safer Spaces Training workshops to the public and Pride volunteers on:
 - 2SLGBTQ+ Inclusive Language & Safer Space Principles
 - Combating Sexualized Violence
 - Active Listening
- Organized a variety of new events for 2018:
 - Halfway to Pride Comedy Night featuring Trixie Mattel
 - Pour/Taste: Not Your Average Wine Tasting
 - The Ketchup: A Halifax Pride Brunch
 - Halifax Pride Comedy Night
 - Humans vs. Zombies Youth Night
 - Halifax Pride Sunset Cruise
 - Ride With Pride
- Updated by-laws following community consultation process
- Created an Artist Liaison position
- Formalized Accessibility, Logistics, and Youth Committees
- Developing a Nova Scotian Pride Organizers Symposium to help share best practices with Pride organizers from across the province
- Began offering Training Workshops to businesses and non-profits
- Expanded volunteer leadership roles and opportunities
- Developed new festival accessibility features including Low Sensory Parade Viewing Room and Live Audio Description of the Parade
- Moved into a new office space on Gottingen Street
- Sent three board members to the Fierté Canada Pride national conference
- Continuation of all activities stated in the 2017 initiatives

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The Halifax Pride Society supports efforts by our sponsors and partners that encourage equity and inclusion within their organizations, and is proud to partner with those who support our community. To give our community a better understanding of these efforts, our partners were asked to complete a survey to help us highlight these initiatives. To view a list of these initiatives, please visit HalifaxPride.com/SponsorInitiatives.

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